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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 10, 2004. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the followings remarks.

Claims 1-7 and 10-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas (US 5,649,001) in view of Shafe' (US 5,918,068). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Thomas discloses a reconfigurable communication interface device 20 and a communication adaptor cable 22. The communication interface device 20 contains means to identify a valid communication adapter cable 22. Upon the adapter cable 22 being recognized as valid, operational values are downloaded and the communication interface device 20 is reconfigured for the communication adapter cable 20. The communication interface device 20 further comprises a universal connector means which is depicted as a universal connector 26. The universal connector 26 is a single connector which interfaces with the communication - adapter cable 22. Referring to FIG. 2 of Thomas et al, the universal connector comprises a connector base 40 and a plurality of conductors, which together only forms a single connector.